

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE VOTE UPON CITY OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, IOWA, ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1886.

WHEREAS, the Governor's statement published in the Manchester Press, a newspaper published in Manchester, Iowa, December 11th, 1885, set forth the facts that the town of Manchester, Iowa, was entitled to perfect its organization as a city of the second-class; and

WHEREAS, the trustees of the town of Manchester, Iowa, in accordance with such statement adopted ordinances for the purpose of perfecting said organization as a city of the second-class; said organization to be known as "The City of Manchester, Iowa," defining the territory of said city, the number and boundaries of its wards, the officers to be chosen, and the places or polls for each ward or precinct, which ordinances were duly and legally printed and published; and

WHEREAS, in some of said wards or precincts, at the municipal election held on Monday, March 1st, 1886, the judges and clerks of election were not residents of the wards or precincts in which they officially acted; and

WHEREAS, in the wards or precincts in which said irregularities took place, there was but one ticket voted, and the persons elected to fill the offices, were the unanimous choice of the electors of said wards or precincts; and

WHEREAS, doubts exist as to the legality of the election in said wards or precincts on said March 1, 1886, and as to the election of the officers for whom the votes were cast, and as to the legality of all ordinances or acts to be adopted or performed by the officers so elected; therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That the election of the councilmen, mayor, city solicitor, treasurer and assessor for the city of Manchester, Iowa, which took place at the general municipal election of cities and towns of Iowa, on March 1, 1886, be and the same is hereby legalized and declared to be as valid and binding as though the said judges and clerks of election in said wards or precincts had been duly qualified for said positions.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Manchester Press, a newspaper published in Manchester, Iowa, without expense to the State.